

WAR NOTE IS STILL PREDOMINANT IN THE NEWS OF BOOK SHOPS

Not Only in History Now Making But in Fiction Blood-Red Prevails.

BELGIAN SCHOLAR WRITES

J. Stewart Barney Will Offer Imaginative Tale of the End of All.

The Putnam's will publish soon a story of the near future entitled "L. P. M., Or the End of the Great War," by J. Stewart Barney.

"John Huss, His Life, Teachings and Death" (Scribner) by David S. Schall, professor of history in the Western Theological Seminary, and "The Doctrine of the Person of Jesus Christ" (Scribner), by J. R. Mackintosh, Ph.D., professor of systematic theology, New college, Edinburgh, have been adopted by the College of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church South as text books for the post graduate course of study for ministers.

Dr. Charles Sorela, an eminent Belgian scholar, was an eye witness of the Belgian campaign. He describes in his new work "How Belgium Saved Europe," (published by the Lippincotts) the destruction of Louvain as it appeared after the first fury had spent itself. "Even before we were every minute falling into the hands of the enemy," he says, "the Belgians had placed saps. I saw about half a dozen women and children. In one place I saw two children walking hand in hand over the bodies of dead men. I have no words to describe these things."

It is the opinion of the editor of the Outlook that "The Scarlet Plague" is Jack London at his best. "Mr. London," he says, "has never done a more or more consistent piece of imaginative work. The story is brief, but it holds the reader's attention with extraordinary closeness. One thinks of the best early work of Mr. Wells and even of the imaginative realism of Defoe."

A play set in a "village of the west" in England is John Galsworthy's "The Forsytes" (Scribner). The theme centres about the young curate a strange character full of passion in restraint, who endures with a temper the most bitter sarcasm and indignity, his desertion by his wife, and the scorn and gibes of the village folk that follow on the scandal. The book will be ready soon.

Little, Brown & Company announced new editions of W. L. George's "The Second Bloomington" and "The Siren of the Snows," being the ninth for the former and fourth of the latter.

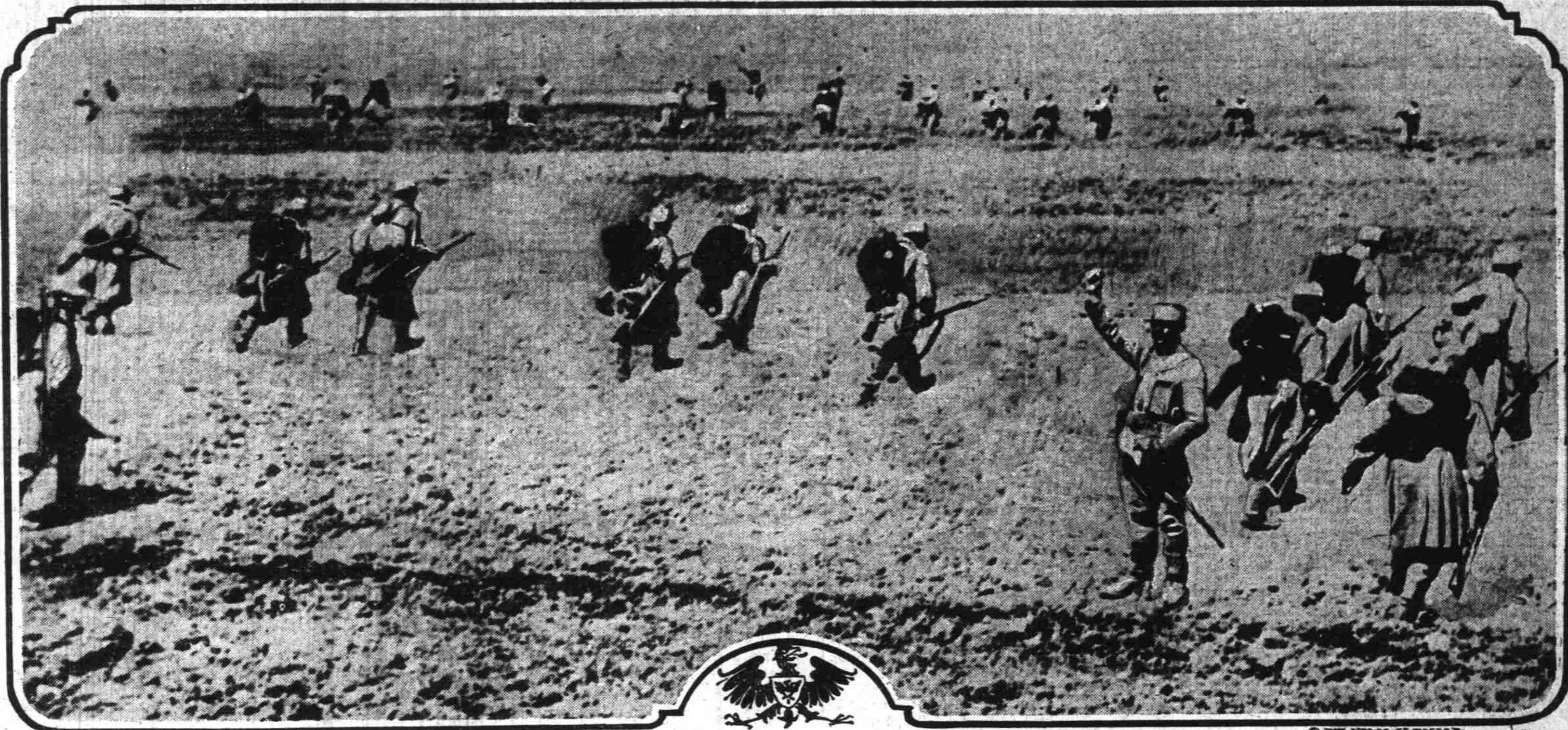
Payne Erskine, the author of "A Girl of the Blue Ridge," resides in the heart of the North Carolina mountains, and is much interested in the education of the poor whites, about whom she writes so understandingly.

Last year, it will be remembered, President Wilson created much comment by condemning in a public speech a certain system called "The Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Many people, no doubt, thought that he was speaking as an amateur, having no special knowledge of the subject. The author, however, is no amateur. He is the author of the hymnbook "In Excelsis" published by the Century company, a work which is filled with notable taste. "In Excelsis" has just gone to its twenty-ninth edition.

The common or garden variety of mediator usually is execrated, but a rare specimen of the genus is presented by Leona Dalrymple, author of "Diane of the Green Van," one of last year's popular successes. In her new book, "The Lovable Meddler," which is announced for early publication by the Kellie & Britton company. Those who have seen the manuscript declare that "The Lovable Meddler" far surpasses in interest, charm and technical perfection of the preceding works of this young novelist, although with "Diane of the Green Van" she won a prize of \$10,000.

Want Author to "Just Talk." Josephine Daskam Bacon, author of "Open Market," has been asked to lecture on subjects ranging all the way from anti-suffrage to foot and mouth disease. A short time ago a body of women promised to finance her if she would come to California if she would lead the feminist movement. She admits she knows very little about feminism, and told them she would look into the matter and decide later.

Great German-Austrian Drive Against Russians in the Carpathian Mountains



This remarkable picture, taken during the recent great drive against the Russians by the Austro-German forces, which resulted in the expulsion of the czar's troops from practically all of Galicia, shows an Austrian advance in the face of fire. Note that the German military strategists have well learned their lesson, taught them in France and elsewhere, and have almost entirely abandoned their former rule of advance in close formation for that seen here, the broken, or open formation, which offers less man-food for the enemy's bullets.

BEATRICE F. R. HALE CLEARLY INTERPRETS FEMINIST MOVEMENT

Sees Realization of Equality Brought About by Women of Education.



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"What Women Want," by Beatrice Forbes Robertson Hale—An interesting, clear cut, readable interpretation of the feminist movement, in America and abroad, without soft-shod appeal or "militant" demand for "rights." The author handles her subject on the promise that the full realization of woman's freedom in the political, mental, social and domestic life of the world will come, as the inception of the movement, through the efforts of women of the educated class above the poverty line.

"White Alley" Is Weak. "The White Alley," by Carolyn Wells—Miss Wells has fallen down. Apparently she has tried in "The White Alley" to make as good and entertaining a story as she did of "Anybody But Ann." The attempt was a failure.

"bunch" or she has tried to put "one over" for the sake of shekels, on the strength of past successes.

New Fifth Reader. Book Five of the Young and Field Literary Readers, by Edna Briggs Young, superintendent of the Chicago public schools, and Walter Taylor Field, author of "Fingerposts to Children's Reading," "Home," etc.—This new book of a series of interesting and instructive "readers," is in keeping with the foregoing ones, in that the young pupils to whom they are intended to appeal can scarcely help but become interested at once.

"Swat the Fly," by Eleanor Gates—A fantastic, tragic and whimsical one act play by the author of the "Poor Little Rich Girl," in which the comic, and a variety of fly in the deep dyed villain. More dangerous than a tiger; more venomous than a rattlesnake, the fly in all his wickedness is exposed in an Arrow Publishing company, New York. 25 cents net.

Old Wood Cuts For New Volumes. It has been many years, very probably, since wood cuts have been made to illustrate a volume.

Primer Is Added To Sloan Readers. Mrs. Katharine E. Sloan, for many years a teacher in the primary grades of the Portland public schools, and author of the primary readers now in use in Portland and state schools, offers a new edition of her two original readers, supplemented by a new primer.

lots were carefully investigated, and as a system of teaching primary reading were introduced throughout the schools of the city.

In 1913 the Oregon text book commission made the Sloan readers the state text books in reading, and in Portland in 1914 they were readopted at the request of 183 out of 173 primary teachers.

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EDITORIAL. AGAIN. Again this wk. we have no ringing editorial.

TOWN TALES. Lloyd McDowell has a new job.

Ring Out, Wild Bells. Ding. Tom W. Gerber and Mary Anne Smith, of the local literary club, are at it again.

Weekly Alf Item. Only the timely arrival of Alf Crigs saved the life of one of the kittens which had fallen into the pan which Alf leaves at the back door.

Well, Well, Well. Fred Bell said he'd better not put his name in the Alibi.

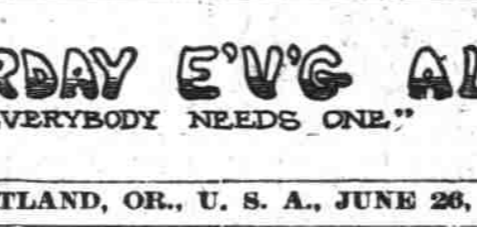
Too Much Real News. As we go to press we discover there is no room for Fire Chief Dowell's sectional poem this wk.

Slanted Stated. The Ad club is slated for slaughter when it meets the Press club 9 on the diamond at Bonneville July 6.

Not Mabo. Stew Blythe had a letter yesterday from his brother Sam, who works for the Sat. Ev'g Post, from Moscow.

Much Copy Found On Battle Ground

Jan Hay, author of "A Knight on Wheels," "Happy-Go-Lucky," etc., now a lieutenant in the tenth battalion of Arzyl and Sutherland Highlanders, writes as follows of his state as a member of the British expeditionary force, now on duty in France: "I write this from the stone floor of an outhouse where the pig-meal is first accumulated and then boiled up, at a particularly smelly French farm."



HALL OF FAME. Ed Daly has a watch which he keeps in his pocket. He carries a Robert Ingersoll for everyday use.

Financial Notes. Bank. Where we leave our money, briefly each wk., has added a note to the cheering Lloyd Muilt, who ran a bank at Ashland a while back.

Another Monopoly. All the immoral, obscene and undesirable features cut out of moving pictures will go to the fair at Cannon Beach and will live in the film when completed with run off to show the council and invited guests the nature of films being eliminated.—News Item.

All Night Frank. Frank Coulter, who makes fiddles because he can't help it, says he knew a man one time who was a great music critic, and he had an operation for appendicitis, and now anyone can get along with him.

Efficiency. Lair H. Gregory, a local litterateur, says the editor of "The Californian Collegian," There are interesting papers by William J. Tucker and Robert L. Raymond; the fourth installment of Lillian D. Wald's human story of settlement work on the East Side, and a concluding series of "Letters on an Elk Hunt" by the Woman Homesteaders' noteworthy stories by Wilbur D. Steele and L. E. Jackson, and poems by Amory Hare Cook and Conrad Aiken. Brief comment in the Contributors' club, closes the number.

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"Merrill Tidd in Business," latest of the ever popular Mark Tidd series by Clarence B. Kelland, continues in this issue in its second installment, "Against Odds," by William Heston; also appears serially in this issue. There are many short articles and attractive departments that will please the reader. Publisher, The Civic League Sprague Publishing company, Detroit, Mich.

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